The time factor for each item of work performed by the Postal Assistant is as follows :

Unit of measurement	Number of Units	Co-efficient	Staff justified (product of Co. 2 and 3)
Head Post Office		0.200	
Sub Post Office		0.050	
Branch Post Office		0.002	
Clerks and all Class III officials (excluding Postmen)		0.010	
Postmen		0.005	
Class IV staff		0.002	
E.D. staff		0.001	
No. of complaints per annum		0.0005	
		Total (A)	
Add: 20% of (A) for routine assistance		Total (B)	
Add: 10% of (B) for leave reserve.		Total Staff justified.	

Note : (i) 0.3 and above in the total staff justified to be rounded off to the next integer.
(ii) The strength of the I class POs. should not be included in these staff strength for the above calculation.
(iii) Accountant to be provided out of this calculated strength.
(iv) A steno-typist is to be provided for each Divisional Office apart from the above staff.
(v) For every 8 hours of computed work a post of Postal Assistant is justified.

The norms for sanctioning posts of Sorting Assistant are as follows :

Unit of measurement	Number of Units	Co-efficient	Staff justified (product of Co. 2 and 3)
H.R.Os		0.157	
R.Os/S.R.Os.		0.100	
Sorters, Mail Guards LSG, HSG, IRMs and ASRMs (Class III)		0.020	
Lower Staff		0.003	
E.D. Staff		0.0002	
Complaints per annum		0.0004	
		Total (A)	
Add: 20% for routine assistance		Total (B)	
Add: 10% for leave reserve		Total staff justified.	

Note: (i) 0.3 or more in the total staff justified to be rounded off to the next integer.
(ii) The clerical assistance to the Dy. Superintendent of Mail Offices will be provided from the strength calculated above.
(iii) Accountant to be provided out of the calculated strength.
(iv) A steno-typist is to be provided for each Divisional Office apart from the above staff.
(v) For every 8 hours of computed work a post of Sorting Assistant is justified.

[Translation]

Appointment of Rail Travellers Service Agents

4155. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had issued advertisements for the appointment of Rail Travellers Service Agents for the privatisation of Railway reservation; and

(b) if so, the details of such agents appointed so far and the qualifications laid down for such appointment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Rail Travellers' Service Agents are appointed by the railways to purchase rail tickets on behalf of the passengers who cannot go to the reservation offices. Whenever Zonal Railways feel the

need for appointing Rail Travellers' Service Agents, they call for the applications. The conditions for appointment of Rail Travellers' Service Agents are as under :

(i) Applicant should be in possession of the latest Income Tax Clearance Certificate;

(ii) Applicant should be having office and premises properly maintained with adequate conveniences and amenities in the city so as to accommodate the visit of sufficient number of customers; and

(iii) Applicant should not be convicted in a criminal case involving moral turpitude.

At present, 481 Rail Travellers' Service Agents are functioning over all the Zonal Railways.

[English]

Deposit of Minerals in States

4156. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

the Aluminium, Copper, Granite, Lead and Zinc deposits in each State as on December 31, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : As per the information available, the State-wise total recoverable reserves of bauxite (i.e. for aluminium), copper, granite, lead and zinc deposits is indicated in the enclosed Statement. The reserve position as on 31.12.1996 has not yet been compiled.

Statement

State	Total Reserves
1	2
*Mineral-Bauixte (Unit-Thousand Tonnes)**	
1. Andhra Pradesh	592001.00
2. Bihar	61104.00
3. Goa	28089.00
4. Gujarat	107744.00
5. Jammu and Kashmir	1783.00
6. Karnataka	27416.00
7. Kerala	7923.00
8. Madhya Pradesh	140791.00
9. Maharashtra	87250.00
10. Meghalaya	896.00
11. Orissa	1442276.00
12. Rajasthan	319.00
13. Tamil Nadu	18327.00
14. Uttar Pradesh	9420.00
Mineral-Copper (Unit-Thousand Tonnes) (as on 1.4.93)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Ore	12028
Metal	137
2. Bihar	
Ore	113823
Metal	1149
3. Gujarat	
Ore	8124
Metal	78
4. Karnataka	
Ore	5386
Metal	42
5. Madhya Pradesh	
Ore	180693
Metal	1752
6. Maharashtra	
Ore	606
Metal	9
7. Meghalaya	
Ore	616
Metal	5
8. Orissa	
Ore	3226
Metal	31
9. Rajasthan	
Ore	80346
Metal	908
10. Sikkim	
Ore	880
Metal	13
11. Uttar Pradesh	
Ore	1120
Metal	18
12. West Bengal	
Ore	79
Metal	1
Mineral-Lead and Zinc (reserves as on 1.4.93) (Unit-Thousand Tonnes)	
1. Andhra Pradesh	
Ore	1866
Lead Metal	70